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Via email to: [68276-39940661@requests.muckrock.com](mailto:68276-39940661@requests.muckrock.com)

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Re: Copies of emails, memos, letters, reports, statistics and other records mentioning or describing the 2018-19 United States federal government shutdown (2018 December 22 - 2019 January 25) on the processing of FOIA requests or handling of FOIA-related litigation, as well as on other public transparency, disclosure or declassification programs.

Dear Ms. Best:

Thank you for your request for information that you made to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552. Your letter were received in this office on February 19, 2019 and was assigned the above controlled number. Since we receive several hundred requests a year, please use this number in any correspondence with the Department about your request.

We are reviewing your letter to determine if it addresses all of the criteria of a proper request under the FOIA and the DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1004. We will send you subsequent letter to inform you if we need additional information or to state where the request have been assigned to conduct a search for responsive documents.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact this office on (202) 586-6039.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Morris", is written over the typed name.

Alexander C. Morris  
FOIA Officer  
Office of Public Information

